

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



January 2001 Time Local/ Path Length Path Number of Estimated Width Persons Damage **ILLINOIS, South** ILZ075>078-080>094 Jefferson - Wayne - Edwards - Wabash - Perry - Franklin - Hamilton - White - Jackson - Williamson - Saline - Gallatin -Union - Johnson - Pope - Hardin - Alexander - Pulaski - Massac 01 04 **Extreme Cold** 1200CST The prolonged arctic freeze that began during the second week of December finally ended by January 4. During the first few days of the new year, temperatures averaged 15 to 25 degrees below normal. Overnight lows were around zero. As a result, ice continued to be a problem on the Mississippi River. The combination of ice and low river levels made navigation for barges very hazardous. About 10 miles north of Cape Girardeau, MO, 15 barges loaded with coal went aground. ILZ075>078-080>094 Jefferson - Wayne - Edwards - Wabash - Perry - Franklin - Hamilton - White - Jackson - Williamson - Saline - Gallatin -Union - Johnson - Pope - Hardin - Alexander - Pulaski - Massac Freezing Rain Light freezing rain overspread southern Illinois just before the early morning commute time. The precipitation, which amounted to less than a tenth of an inch, lasted a few hours. Along and north of Interstate 64, there was more sleet than ice. Vehicle wrecks were most numerous from the Marion and Carbondale area north. State police reported several jack-knifed semis on Interstate 57, mainly from Marion to Benton. **INDIANA**, Southwest INZ081>082-085>088 Gibson - Pike - Posey - Vanderburgh - Warrick - Spencer 0001CST 1200CST Extreme Cold The prolonged arctic freeze that began during the second week of December finally ended by January 4. During the first few days of the new year, temperatures averaged 15 to 25 degrees below normal. Overnight lows were around zero. INZ081>082-085>088 Gibson - Pike - Posey - Vanderburgh - Warrick - Spencer 0400CST 0800CST 12 During the early morning hours, a general 1 to 3 inch snowfall blanketed southwest Indiana. The snow was the result of a strong upper level low that tracked southeast from the central Plains across the Lower Ohio Valley. The official total at Evansville was 2.3 inches. The snow fell in just a couple of hours, right before the start of the morning commute. There were a number of traffic accidents. INZ081>082-085>088 Gibson - Pike - Posey - Vanderburgh - Warrick - Spencer

0800CST 26 Freezing Rain

Sleet and freezing rain overspread southwest Indiana during the morning commute time. The precipitation, which amounted to less than a tenth of an inch, lasted a few hours. A number of vehicle wrecks were reported.

KENTUCKY, Southwest

KYZ001>022 Fulton - Hickman - Carlisle - Ballard - Mccracken - Graves - Livingston - Marshall - Calloway - Crittenden - Lyon - Trigg -Caldwell - Union - Webster - Hopkins - Christian - Henderson - Daviess - Mclean - Muhlenberg - Todd

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Location Date Standard (Miles) (Yards) Killed Injured Property Crops Character of Storm

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hazardous. Ice floes halted the ferry service between Dorena, MO and Hickman, KY until warmer weather arrived

KYZ018>020

Henderson - Daviess - Mclean

During the early morning hours, a general 1 to 3 inch snowfall blanketed northwest Kentucky, mainly along and northeast of a line from Henderson to Calhoun. Snowfall at Henderson and Calhoun was 2.5 inches. The snow was the result of a strong upper level low that tracked southeast from the central Plains across the Lower Ohio Valley. The snow fell in just a couple of hours, right before the start of the morning commute. There were numerous traffic accidents. Henderson County reported 30 accidents, only five of which were in the city of Henderson. Only one minor injury was reported. School was cancelled in the Owensboro area.

KYZ004>005-007-010-014>015-018>020 Ballard - Mccracken - Livingston - Crittenden - Union - Webster - Henderson - Daviess - Mclean

26 0600CST 0 0 Freezing Rain 1000CST

Light freezing rain overspread the Ohio River counties of western Kentucky just before the early morning commute time. The precipitation, which amounted to less than a tenth of an inch, lasted a few hours. A number of vehicle wrecks were reported, and school busses were pulled off the roads in Union County.

MISSOURI, Southeast

MOZ076-086>087-100-107>112-114 Perry - Bollinger - Cape Girardeau - Wayne - Carter - Ripley - Butler - Stoddard - Scott - Mississippi - New Madrid

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